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Page 4, line 5, change "60" to --52--.

Page 4, line 5, after "outlet portion" insert --62--.

Page 4, line 6, change "62" to --52--.

Page 4, line 8, after "outlet portion" insert --62--.

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Page 4, line 15, after "inlet portion" insert --60--.

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Page 4, line 29, change "72 of the funnel 74" to --80 of the funnel 82--.

Page 5, line 4, delete "82".

Page 5, lines 8-9, change "surface 84" to --face 602--.

Page 5, line 16, change "a first face 602," to --the first face 602,--.

Page 5, line 27, after "outlet portion" insert --62--.

Page 6, line 25, after "outlet portion" insert --62--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 8, 12, and 15-17 as follows:

1. (Amended) A fuel injector having a fuel inlet, a fuel outlet, and a fuel passageway extending from the fuel inlet to the fuel outlet along a longitudinal axis, the fuel injector comprising:

a body having an inlet portion, an outlet portion, and a neck portion disposed between the inlet portion and the outlet portion;

an armature adjacent the inlet portion of the body;

a needle operatively connected to the armature;

a seat proximate the needle and having a first face, a second face, and a circumferential surface disposed between the first face and the second face, the circumferential surface including a first zone and a second zone that are connected by an intermediate zone extending substantially perpendicular to the first and second zones, the intermediate zone contiguously engaging the body; and

a seal disposed between the second zone of the seat and the body so that the seal thermally isolates the second zone of the seat from the body.

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15. (Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein the [retention member] contiguously engaging comprises [a surface that engages the intermediate zone of the seat to define] defining a first contact area between the body and the seat.

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AS 16. (Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein the [retention member] retaining includes crimping a [crimped] section on the neck portion [and] that is disposed at the outlet portion of the body.

17. (Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the [seal] disposing comprises a polytetrafluoroethylene seal.